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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady on frozen hens and consumer sized toms. Fresh whole turkey trade sentiment ranged from at least steady in the East to barely steady in the West. The fresh whole turkey market continued to be the most active in the East and slow to fair in the balance of the country. Light volumes of private label nonbasted fresh with timers traded in the Midwest at 81 cents delivered on hens and 71 cents delivered on toms. Frozen whole turkey demand and trading light with activity centered in the Midwest on frozen commodity hens. The undertone on tom breast meat ranged steady to barely steady with trading continued to be noted at lower trending prices.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderately light volumes of frozen thigh meat and frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) at steady to lower trending price levels, balance light. Offerings of frozen MST in a full range with a few willing to offer at lower price levels. Frozen thigh meat trading noted at steady price levels, however, offers were noted at lower prices.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 05, 2000**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	76	76.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	73-76	74.51	295	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	40	DEC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	65-67	65.64	88	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading generally slow, however, a heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) moved at generally steady levels. Undertone on the balance of parts generally steady to instances weak, except necks steady to firm. Demand light to moderate, with competition from other protein sources being noted. Light volume of tom wings going export to Africa.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	102.60	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-26.00		23.39	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-25.00		23.40	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	25.55	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	16.00-23.00		22.19	70
NECKS, HEN		M	16.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	155.00		155.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00		169.00	200
THIGH MEAT	73.00		73.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	70.75	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	118.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.33	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	170.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	23.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.50-20.00		18.80	880

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	25.60	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	23.73	848
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	73.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading generally slow, demand light to moderate. Some buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market, and being very cautious. The market tone on parts generally steady to barely steady except on necks steady to firm. Offerings of parts and meats adequate for current needs.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	102.60	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	23.39	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00		26.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00-26.00		25.31	127
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.50-25.00		24.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	25.55	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.27	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		21.64	22
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	153.00-160.00		154.89	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.68	182
THIGH MEAT		T	73.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	72.00		72.00	28
BREAST TRIM MEAT	126.00		126.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.33	120
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00-171.75		170.56	94
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	170.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-25.00		21.75	102
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	18.80	880

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50		24.50	104
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.50-25.50		25.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00-74.00		73.33	240

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#### **BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/06/00**

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	13,697	156,050	156,300
1999-2000	3,905	158,000	158,350